

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION

WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING

WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, May 17, 2016

PLACE: West Lafayette Public Library / Elm Room

PRESENT: Troy Harris Doug Payne Lauren Bruce Jim Knapp
Ralph Bline Larry Preo Andrew Hirsch Kumares Sinha
Thomas Schwartzel

VISITORS: Ed Garrison Joe Uhl Felicia Brag Jennifer Mullett
Charlie Dye Maryann Dye Dennis Conrad Greg Ehresman
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Chairman Sinha brought the meeting to order at 5:00pm and determined there was a quorum. Ed Garrison was in attendance as proxy for David Buck.

Mr. Preo made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2016 meeting. Mr. Hirsch seconded the motion and the minutes were approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Joe Uhl who lives at 105 Pathway Lane came before the commission to present a petition signed by the residents in the Happy Hollow and Wabash Shores neighborhoods, representing approximately 120 of the 125 households. The petition requested that the city prohibit non-local semis/ large trucks on Happy Hollow Road.

Mr. Uhl stated that the concern of the residents is for pedestrian safety, noise, damage to the road and the aesthetics of Happy Hollow. Mr. Uhl acknowledged that this is not a new problem but now that the city has taken over the road, they believe there is more that can be done about it.

Ms. Lauren Bruce asked the commission who is responsible for the construction signage and if it would be possible to place signage on 52 to re-route truck traffic until a more permanent solution is found.

Deputy Chief Harris of the West Lafayette Police Department discussed the possibility of using a portable sign that is available at the Police Department. Deputy Chief Harris stated that he and Mr. Garrison would discuss the options of using the signage temporarily to discourage truck traffic.

Chairman Sinha stated that the commission would take a comprehensive look into the semi-truck situation and also work on updating the city ordinance. He expressed the need for studies to be done by the West Lafayette Police Department and the City Engineers office to look at the numbers and size of trucks traveling as well as number of accidents. Chairman Sinha also stressed the importance of defining the size and the weight of the trucks affected.

OLD BUSINESS:

Happy Hollow Road Semi Ordinance:

Mr. Garrison stated that the Engineers office is in the beginning phases of updating the entire city ordinance. The current City Code Section 40.19 – 40.21, was enacted in 1960.

NEW BUSINESS:

River Road speed limit: Mr. Garrison of the City Engineer's office stated that concerns have been brought to the West Lafayette Police Department and the City Engineers office regarding visibility at the intersections of Happy Hollow Road and River Road and Catherwood Drive and River Road. The Engineer's office would like to do a speed study and traffic safety study to look at the crash history. The Engineer's office will consider the need to decrease the speed limit until you get through the intersections.

Bus Routes: Mr. Greg Ehresman who owns the Triple XXX Family Restaurant came before the commission and expressed his frustration with the number of busses stopping in single lane roads.

Mr. Garrison stated that the City is aware of the issue and plans to discuss the problem with City Bus to develop a better policy for locations to stop.

State Street Redevelopment Project: Mr. Ehresman questioned the estimated time frame for when the next phase of the State St. project will begin and what it will include so that they can adjust their advertising to coincide with the road closures.

Mr. Garrison assured Mr. Ehresman that when they get closer and have a more definite timeframe in mind, he will contact Mr. Ehresman and make him aware of the plans.

With no other business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

2016 MEETING INFORMATION:

- 5:00 pm, Tuesday, July 19, 2016, West Lafayette Public Library, Walnut Room.
- 5:00 pm, Tuesday, September, 20 2016, West Lafayette Public Library, Walnut Room.
- 5:00 pm, Tuesday, November, 15 2016, West Lafayette Public Library, Walnut Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ed Garrison', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Ed Garrison, P.E.

Project Engineer

Proxy for:

David M. Buck, P.E.

Public Works Director

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